

Examiner's report

CTSI Professional Competency Framework

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General

It was noted by the examiner again, that the common mistake of not answering the questions asked, had occurred within this exam sitting. The examiner found that candidates were glossing over the central theme of the questions and writing about what they know rather than what was asked. Ensure before you write out your answer, that you have read the question properly and understood what is being asked.

The question on how a vertical audit and a horizontal audit would be used in an audit plan, didn't yield any examples or explanations of these terms and belied a lack of experience in the process. Gaining experience in this subject area is essential, to help candidates during their exam. Having both the knowledge and the practical experience will aid with a candidate answer in the future. Having experience would enable you to draw parallels with a due diligence system, if audit experience was lacking.

In general, the questions were answered in a theoretical rather than an experiential manner, so some of the nuances were not considered.

For example, in significant contributions to an uncertainty budget this could be adjudged by preparing Uncertainty Budgets for various measurements and the individual components assessed to the final value and whether they were necessary to be included.